

February 2004 Marine Mammal and Turtle Incidental Take Report

Observers in the Northeast Fisheries Observer Program (NEFOP) collect these data using standardized protocols. When the data are received, NEFSC staff verifies the identification and condition of the animals through the observer descriptions, biological samples collected and photographs. If the identification of an animal is in question, the DNA sample is analyzed to determine the species. However, the data used in this report is obtained from the observer program's OBSCON tables and is considered preliminary data as many of the database checks and audits have not yet been completed.

The following observed trips were completed during the month of February, 2004: 92 Anchored Sink Gillnet, 14 Drift Sink Gillnet, 73 Bottom Otter Trawl, 6 Scallop Dredge, 2 Midwater Otter Trawl, 5 Midwater Paired Otter Trawl, 5 Bottom Longline and 1 Closed Area Scallop. There were 3 aborted trips. The following takes were observed:

<i>Trip Type</i>	<i>Trip ID*</i>	<i>Date Landed</i>	<i>Number of Takes</i>	<i>Species</i>	<i>Disposition</i>
ASG 100	A31030L	02/25/2004	1	gray seal	dead, fresh
ASG 100	B13018L	02/07/2004	1	harp seal	dead, fresh
ASG 100	B13019L	02/09/2004	1	harbor porpoise	dead, fresh
ASG 100	B90003L	02/21/2004	1	gray seal	dead, fresh
ASG 100	C12005C	02/25/2004	1	harp seal	dead, fresh
ASG 100	C34011C	02/02/2004	1	gray seal	dead, moderately decomposed
ASG 100	C34017C	02/16/2004	1	harp seal	alive, condition unknown
ASG 100	C34018C	02/17/2004	1	harp seal	dead, fresh
ASG 100	C34020C	02/19/2004	1	seal, nk	dead, condition unknown
ASG 100	C34020C	02/19/2004	1	harbor seal	dead, fresh
ASG 100	C34027C	02/29/2004	1	harp seal	dead, fresh
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BOT 050	C49004-	02/18/2004	1	atlantic white-sided dolphin	dead, severely decomposed
ASG 100	C50009C	02/25/2004	1	seal, nk	dead, moderately decomposed
BOT 050	C60004-	02/07/2004	1	atlantic white-sided dolphin	dead, fresh
BOT 050	C60005-	02/26/2004	1	atlantic white-sided dolphin	dead, fresh
ASG 100	C69007C	02/21/2004	1	harp seal	dead, fresh
ASG 100	C69007C	02/21/2004	1	seal, nk	dead, condition unknown
ASG 100	C70008C	02/12/2004	1	harp seal	dead, fresh
ASG 100	C70009C	02/13/2004	1	harp seal	dead, fresh
ASG 100	C70011C	02/20/2004	1	harbor porpoise	alive, condition unknown
ASG 100	C70012C	02/27/2004	1	harbor porpoise	dead, condition unknown
ASG 100	C70012C	02/27/2004	1	harp seal	dead, fresh
MPOT 170	D20001-	02/27/2004	1	atlantic white-sided dolphin	dead, fresh

*"C" signifies a complete fish data collection trip (all hauls were observed for complete catch data); "L" signifies a limited fish data collection trip (all hauls were observed for marine mammal interactions and fallouts); "-" signifies all other trips.

ASG = Anchored Sink Gillnet, MPOT = Midwater Paired Otter Trawl, BOT = Bottom Otter Trawl